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To all Western Region NAA Members:

Thank you for your support in electing me to the position as your Western Region Board Member. Please feel free to contact me whenever you have any issues or concerns with the NAA and their programs.

I have just received the Board Book for the upcoming NAA Board Meeting to be held in Colorado Springs next weekend (Sept. 30 & Oct. 1).

Here is a summary of the proposals included for discussion at this meeting. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me prior to the board meeting.

PROPOSALS:

1. USAT - Use 70 meter ranking rounds on odd number years and FITA ranking rounds on even number years.
2. USAT - Eliminate 12 minute test as a requirement for USAT and Jr. USAT.
3. Allow archers with disabilities to compete in both AR and able-bodied classes with a single registration fee, and rank AR athletes with their able-bodied competitors for target reassignment and ranking purposes.
4. Include both Men and Women on Training Camp and International Team Staffs.
5. Consider funding a 1 hour archery program for ESPN, HBO or anyone else who will air it.
6. Develop JOAD Programs at the State Level with requirements and incentives. (This is a long proposal with some great ideas - just too much to write here).
7. Limiting BOG candidates to running for only one position at a time. (for example, not both Athlete and Regional Rep.)
8. Proposal to change FITA rule for allowable riser length for US Longbow rules from 18 inches to 24 inches.
9. Change the NAA Board Composition, removing 4 of the 8 regional representatives and replacing with representatives from Coaches, Judges, JOAD Leaders and the College Division.
10. Add a State Team championship to Nationals.
11. Include Sport Science Committee expenses in the 2006 budget.
12. Develop scoring software for USAT qualifiers to standardize results and help tournament organizers.
13. Revise Tournament bid package and create oversight committee or person to maintain consistency and quality in NAA tournaments.
14. Olympic Team Trials - Use best 72 arrow USAT qualifier within 3 months prior to the trials, along with 72 arrows at the trials to make the cut for the round robins. Use total of all scores to determine top 4 finishers. Require Olympic Round and Team Round participation at a USAT qualifier in a 12 month period prior to the trials. Have the National Coach select 3 of the top four archers for the team, based on his observation of the athletes.

15. To encourage participation in Team Rounds. Require team round participation in at least one USAT qualifier to be eligible for USAT.
16. Move the National Indoor Championships earlier in the year so archers have more time to prepare for outdoor distances prior to the first USAT qualifier.
17. Support Copanarco by sending teams to more Copanarco events. This would improve our relations with Copanarco, which determines World Ranking Event status.
18. Offer Collegiate Division at US National Target Championship and encourage Collegiate divisions at all NAA Sanctioned events.
19. Provide more information about USADA (Drug Testing) to athletes at NAA events and training camps.
20. Propose to FITA a rule change allowing one to three distances of a FITA to be shot in one day, finishing the remainder on the second day. This allows more flexibility to tournament directors vs. one day or two day FITA.
21. Propose to FITA better methods to update and inform members of rule changes, when they were made and why.
22. Provide tournament banners with USAT sponsors to all NAA Major Events.

Other issues that will be discussed include:

- The Budget!
- NADA Contract
- Strategic Plan and Goals for 2006
- Committees
- Pan Am and Olympic Trials Process and Timeline
- World University Games Selection Process
- Involving Paralympics in all NAA Programs
- And committee reports.

I'll let you know if any decisions were made.

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